

# ARKANSAS

## BROILER HATCHERY



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### ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

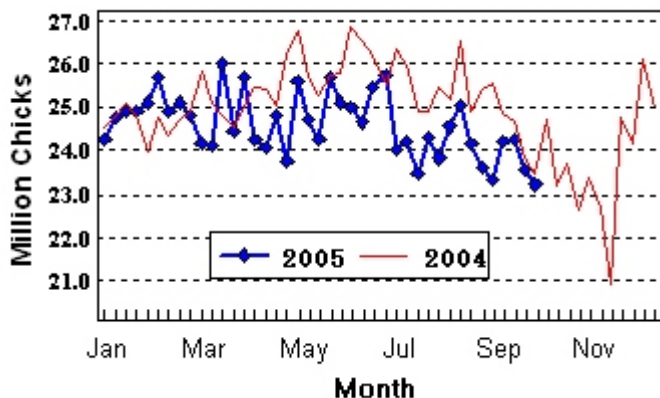
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.3 million during the week ending October 8, 2005. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2004, and also down 1 percent from the revised previous week, and included 1.8 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2 through October 8, 2005 were 1.01 billion, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.4 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 3 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.6 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.3 percent.

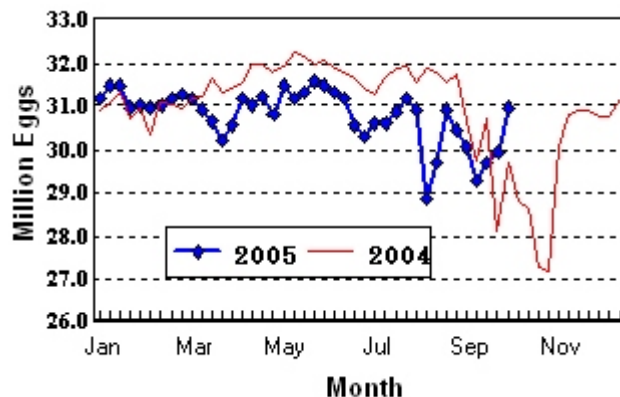
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 8, 2005, up 4 percent from the same period last year, and up 3 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Sep. 3	25,421	23,640	93	26,183	24,040	92	31,753	30,434	96
Sep. 10	25,536	23,344	91	26,208	24,598	94	30,639	30,022	98
Sep. 17	24,868	24,216	97	25,938	25,689	99	29,739	29,276	98
Sep. 24	24,656	24,255	98	26,187	25,383	97	30,719	29,694	97
Oct. 1	23,806	23,578	99	25,457	25,016	98	28,103	29,958	107
Oct. 8	23,492	23,250	99	25,524	24,379	99	29,684	30,967	104

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2004-2005



EGGS SET, 2004 - 2005



**BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005**

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	17-Sep	24-Sep	01-Oct	08-Oct		03-Sep	10-Sep	17-Sep	24-Sep	01-Oct	08-Oct	
Alabama	30,508 *	30,779	31,177 *	31,002	110	21,746	21,322	21,520	20,919	20,289 *	20,793	104
ARKANSAS	29,276	29,694	29,958	30,967	104	23,640	23,344	24,216	24,255 *	23,578 *	23,250	99
Delaware	3,668	3,797	3,979	3,810	105	5,735	5,303	5,832	5,449	5,481	5,142	111
Florida	1,379	1,364	1,374	1,364	101	1,662	1,492	1,431	1,325	1,527	1,550	100
Georgia	31,926	33,062	33,098	33,740	103	26,778	27,306	26,556	26,700 *	27,674 *	25,959	101
Kentucky	6,142	6,973	6,443	6,762	99	5,790	5,738	5,843	5,848	6,089	5,351	95
Louisiana	3,802	4,105	3,833 *	4,136	115	3,726	3,880	4,059	4,104	4,052 *	3,260	89
Maryland	8,509	8,765	8,721	8,670	106	5,526	5,479	5,173	5,160	5,133	5,296	116
Mississippi	17,672	17,626	17,235	17,672	94	14,687	15,322	16,252	15,364	15,386	15,415	98
N. Carolina	16,765 *	18,307	17,643 *	17,170	104	15,033	14,904	14,635	13,654	13,963 *	13,917	102
Oklahoma	6,377	6,332	6,490 *	6,496	105	4,998	5,358	5,311	4,492	5,060 *	5,028	114
Pennsylvania	3,802 *	3,970 *	4,247 *	4,143	111	2,926	3,041	2,926 *	3,073 *	3,093 *	2,750	113
S. Carolina	5,151	4,859	5,075	4,939	116	4,140	4,318	4,369	4,739	3,773	4,476	99
Texas	14,504 *	14,226 *	13,049 *	14,561	96	11,758	12,751 *	12,791 *	12,633 *	12,496 *	12,299	111
Virginia	6,030	6,272	5,861	6,245	96	5,111	4,780	4,919	5,288	5,034	4,925	102
CA,MO,IN,WV	16,722 *	17,762 *	16,955 *	18,147	103	16,515	17,617 *	16,984 *	17,614 *	17,327 *	16,392	110
Total 2005	202,233 *	207,893 *	205,138 *	209,824		169,771	171,955 *	172,817 *	170,617 *	169,955 *	165,803	
Total 2004	197,407	201,405	200,166	203,011		174,771	174,977	173,376	172,022	165,909	160,797	
%Prev. Year	102	103	102	103		97	98	100	99	102	103	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						22-Oct	29-Oct	05-Nov	12-Nov	19-Nov	26-Nov	

\* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

**EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 210 million eggs during the week ending October 8, 2005. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

**BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 8, 2005. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through October 8, 2005 were 7.00 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.